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Islands, Castles & Portable Operations.
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13/09/2007: John/W9ILY and Bob/K9MDO will be QRV as FP/homecall from the MAXOTEL on Miquelon Island (NA-032, DIFO FP-002, WLOTA LH-1417) September 13-18th. Activity will be on 80-10 metres, concentrating on SSB (primarily FP/K9MDO) and RTTY/PSK (primarily FP/W9ILY). QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW following the DXpedition. [K1XN & The Golist]

14/09/2007: Andr?, ON7YK will once again be QRV from The Gambia as C56YK between September 14th and 27th. He will be active on 80-10m and also on 6m SSB. Further information and QSL route can be found at C56YK on QRZ.com. [NG3K]

15/09/2007: Freddy, F8CKS/p will be active September 15th from the Small Castle of Monpazier Edouard 1st (DFCF 24-089) and the Mill Joli (DMF 24-062), located in the city and canton of Monpazier (DDCF 24-20, CP 24280), Department Dordogne (DDFM 24), Province of Aquitaine (DPF 02). Activity will most likely be on 40 and 20m SSB. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [F8CKS]

15/09/2007: Freddy, F5IRO has received his 4 months assignment to Papeete, Tahiti (OC-046, DIFO FO-002, WLOTA LH-0885, French Polynesia. He will be there until mid January 2008. He will use the call sign FO5RU and will pick up his new license as soon as possible when he arrives, but he could be heard as FO/F5IRO, while waiting for it. The first signals are expected on September 15th or 16th. Freddy will be active in his spare time, on all HF bands, using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via Rafik, F5CQ either direct (SASE + Postage) or via the French REF-Union bureau (please only this bureau). Other information and online log on Rafik's page at: www.f5cq.net/dxp/2007-FO5RU/fo5ru-fr.htm [F5NQL]

15/09/2007: The August 2007 outing to Market Reef (EU-053, ARHLS MAR-001, TWLHD WLH 0J0-001, WLOTA LH-0542, WW Loc. JP90NH), OJ0B was designed to decorate the lighthouse with powerful antennas that can only be hoisted in good weather conditions. The group was successful, and in addition to making more than 13,000 QSOs, a SteppIR beam plus an assortment of wire antennas were mounted at the light.
The newly composed group of OH0RJ, OH2BH, OH2MM, OH2PM, OH7EA and OH8NC are at it again and they plan to be operational from September 15 until September 24, including both Scandinavian Activity Contests, with three stations. Now they have more flexibility since they have a resident helicopter at their disposal. Outside of the contest their frequencies are as follows - CW: 3523, 7023, 10113, 14033, 18083, 21033, 24903 and 28033 KHz; SSB: 3775, 7075, 14175, 18135, 21275, 24960 and 28475 KHz. Once again, if you are a stamp collector or wish to receive your QSL card with unique Market Reef stamps, you may send an SASE with 7 Euros (10 USD) as your postage/donation to the Finnish Lighthouse Society via QSL manager OH2BH.
If you wish to tour the Reef in the spirit of adventure, you may follow in the footsteps of the August 2007 and November 2005 OJ0B activities: sm0w.com and www.kolumbus.fi/oh2bn/pagemarket.htm
The Finnish Lighthouse Society has been active repairing the lighthouse this summer, and you may wish to follow their activities which include daily reporting and interesting general details (www.lighthousesociety.fi/eng/).
See the report from Market Reef as of September 4, 2007: www.lighthousesociety.fi/eng/market/market_diary/diary_040907/ . Two photos are attached.
Photo captions:
1: Pertti, OH2PM on top of the Market Reef fog horn with a 2-L SteppIR beam. Rick, SM6U is

advising from the comfort zone - "...can you get it any higher"?
2: The OJ0B DXpedition staging arena...when the sea is calm. [OH2BN]

15/09/2007: Adam, KC4/K2ARB reports that Mike/RW1AI will be QRV as R35NP from the North Pole-35 ice drifting station on or about September 15th. Look for activity on all bands, mainly CW. [F5NQL]

15/09/2007: Drew, GM3YOR reports that he plans to be active as SV5/GM3YOR from the Isle of Symi (MIA MGD-030), Dodecanese Islands (EU-001), between September 15-30th. He will be taking his TS50 and wire antennas, and will operate when time is available. QSL via home call. [OPDX]

15/09/2007: Look for special event station W3B to operate from the Blakistone Lighthouse (ARLHS USA-060 [Historic]) on St. Clements Island (USI MD-028, St. Mary's county), Potomac River, Maryland, from 1400-2000z on September 15th. Activity will be on 40/20/17 metre CW/SSB and possibly PSK-31. QSL with S.A.S.E. to KA3UNQ (See and follow QSL instructions on QRZ.com.) You will receive a photo QSL with a certificate on request. [OPDX]

16/09/2007: The Associazione Radioamatoriale Sardinia QRP Club (IQ0QP) will be QRV September 16th from Quirra Island (EU-165, IIA CA-009, MIA MIS-026), using the call IM0/IQ0QP. QSL via home call. [DE0MST]

16/09/2007: UBA Section HRT will be active September 16th as ON4HRT/p on 80 and 40m in Belgian Mill Award Contest, from the Vanop de Bedder Mill (WIM.2035), in Tongerlo-Westerlo (WW Loc. JO21LC). QSL via ON7IG, bureau preferred. [UBA HF News]

16/09/2007: Marnix/ON4MRX and Luc/ON7VOX of UBA Section ODE will be active as OT7G/p during the Belgium Mill Award Contest (September 16th) from the heavily battered Stampot Mill (BMA reference WIM.8073). They will be QRV on 80 and 40m SSB. QSL via ON4MRX, bureau preferred. [UBA HF News]

16/09/2007: Heinz, DF6ZY, will be active as TK/DF6ZY from the island of Corsica (EU-014, TK-001 for the French Islands Award, MIA MCO-001, WLOTA LH-1390), September 16-28th. Activity will be on 80-10 metres, mostly on RTTY, but he will switch to SSB or SSTV on request. QSL via the bureau to DF6ZY or direct. [OPDX]

17/09/2007: Bernd, DL8AAV will be signing OZ/DL8AAV/p September 17-29th from Laeso Island (EU-088, NK-003 for the Danish Islands Award). QSL via home call, direct or by the bureau. [RSGB IOTA]

17/09/2007: Andre, GM3VLB will be active holiday style as VE1/GM3VLB/m or /p from Isle Madame (CIsA NS-016), Nova Scotia, September 17-18th; and then from Nova Scotia until the 22nd. QSL direct to home call. [425 DX News]

21/09/2007: Marcos, EA1APV will be active as HC1/EA1APV from Cotacachi, Ecuador between September 21st and October 20th. He will operate on a spare time basis, as he will be working on a project of international cooperation. QSL via home call. [425 DX News]

21/09/2007: Gab, HA3JB, will sign SU8BHI from Cairo, Egypt, between September 21st and November 30th. He also plans to participate in the WWDX RTTY and CW contests. Gab will be active on all bands using CW, RTTY, SSTV, PSK and some SSB during many of the major upcoming contests. QSL via home call. Further information can be found at: www.qsl.net/ha3jb/ [NG3K]
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UPDATED INFORMATION -

25/09/2007: Toshi-san, JA8BMK plans to be active from Kanton Island, Central Kiribati, [Phoenix Islands] (OC-043) as T31XX in late October, 2007. He will stay there for about a couple of weeks (minimum 1 week) and will be QRV 160-6m SSB, CW and RTTY. Toshi intends to leave Japan September 23rd and will head for Tarawa Atoll (OC-017), where he will be QRV as T30XX between September 25th and October 5th. He will leave T30 on October 5th and will spend 5 days sailing to Kanton Island (OC-043) where he will operate as T31XX from October 13-27th. If he has extra time there is the possibility he will visit Banaba Island (OC-018) and operate

as T33ZZ before or after the T31 operation. Note that Toshi-san's schedule could still change due to transportation and weather conditions. QSL via home call. [NG3K]

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LOOKING AHEAD

22/09/2007: Lutz/DL3ARK, Peter/DL4AMK and possibly one other will be active September 22-29th as OZ/homecall from Langeland Island (EU-172, FY-019 for the Danish Islands Award) and Hov lighthouse (ARLHS DEN-035, WLOTA LH-0590 (New!), WW Loc. JO55LD). Look for activity around the usual IOTA and Lighthouse frequencies. QSL via home calls. [DE0MST]

29/09/2007: Special event station 8J8WRC will be aired September 29th to October 28th to celebrate FIA World Rally Championship Round 14 "RallyJapan 2007". QSL via the JARL bureau. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

29/09/2007: Girts/YL2KL and Vil/YL2KF will be active as D4C from the Monteverde Contest Station, Sao Vicente Island (AF-086, WLOTA LH-1976), Cape Verde Islands, during the CQ WW DX RTTY Contest (September 29-30th), as a Multi-Single entry. For latest information check www.d4c.cc/ [NG3K]

29/09/2007: Gus, LU1DY will be active from Honduras as HR2/LT0E during the CQ WW RTTY DX Contest (September 29-30th), as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via HQ2LAS. [NG3K]

09/10/2007: Operators Michael/DL3FCG, Alfred/DL8MG, Carola/DL5FEX, Reiner/DL4ZF, Klaus/DK1EG, Tanja/DO6TPG, Lars/DL6FCB, Martin/DG6FDV and Irmgard/DL6FAE will be active October 9-17th as EA8/DL3FCG from La Orotava (WW Loc. IL18VM), Tenerife Island (AF-004, S-012 for the Spanish Islands Award, WLOTA LH-1276). They will be QRV on all HF and WARC bands (no 160m) using CW, SSB and digitals. QSL via DL3FCG, bureau preferred. All QSOs will also be confirmed via LOTW and eQSL. [RSGB IOTA]

20/10/2007: Igor, VE3ZF and other operators from Canada and the U.S. will be active as VE2IDX from Orleans Island (NA-128, CIsA QC-007) for the W/VE Islands QSO Party (from 1600z October 20th to 2359z October 21st) and as VE2Z from Zone 2 (Port Cartier) for the CQ WW DX SSB Contest. QSL both operations via VE3ZF, direct only (Igor Slakva, 105 La Rose Avenue, PH #1410, Etobicoke, Ontario, M9P 1A9, Canada). Full information on the W/VE Islands QSO Party can be found at: www.usislands.org/contest_rules.html [VE3ZF]

21/10/2007: An international team will be active from the Sovereign Military Order of Malta during the week of the CQWW SSB Contest (October 27-28th, M/? entry). This will be the first activity from this most wanted during one of the major contest on the HF bands. QSL via IZ4DPV, direct only (Mr. Massimo Cortesi, P.O. Box 24, 47100 Forli'-Centro, Italy). Further information will be updated at: www.mdxc.org/1a4a/ [F5NQL & NG3K]

27/10/2007: Igor, VE3ZF will be active as VE2Z from Zone 2 (Port Cartier) for the CQ WW DX SSB Contest (October 27-28th). QSL via VE3ZF, direct only (Igor Slakva, 105 La Rose Avenue, PH #1410, Etobicoke, Ontario, M9P 1A9, Canada). [VE3ZF]

01/11/2007: A team of 8 Greek ham radio operators all members of the National Amateur Radio Society (Radio Amateur Association of Greece - R.A.A.G.) are going to activate the Syrian island of Arwad [aka Rouad] (AS-186) for 10 days between November 1-15th. The island will be activated for the first time in the IOTA program with the call sign YK9SV. The team so far consists of: Manos/SV1IW, Cliff/SV1JG, Spiros/SV1RC, George/SV1RP, George/SV1QN, Aris/SV1ACK, John/SV1GYG and Spiros/SV8CS. Special emphasis will be given on the low bands and modes of SSB, CW, RTTY and PSK31. 6 metre activity is expected if propagation permits. Further information can be found at: www.raag.org/arwad/ [F5NQL]

15/11/2007: Wayne, W5KDJ will be QRV as C91KDJ from 50km north of Maputo (WW Loc. KG64IK), Mozambique, between November 15th and 28th. Activity will be mostly CW and possibly RTTY, with emphasis on 160 and 80 metres. He uses splits of 15 kHz up, listens on the outer edges most of the time (15 up: -.5 down and 15 up: +3.). Online log will be available after the DXpedition. QSL direct with SASE to W5KDJ. Further information at: www.tdxs.net/c91kdj.html [W5KDJ]

15/11/2007: Operators J?rn/DG5XJ, Bernd/DH1ND and J?rgen/DJ5HD will be active November 15-28th as PJ7/homecalls from the island of Sint Maarten (NA-105) and as FS/homecalls from the island of St. Martin (NA-105, WLOTA LH-0383). Look for activity on all bands and modes. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. Further info can be found at: www.dg5xj.de/dg5xjpj7.htm [RSGB IOTA]

22/11/2007: Jim, K1NA will be QRV as PJ5NA from St. Eustatius Island (NA-145, WLOTA LH-1851) from approximately November 22nd and 27th, including a Single-Op/All-Band entry in the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 24-25th). QSL via home call, SASE only. [NG3K]

30/11/2007: Jan, PA4JJ will once again be active as C56JJ from The Gambia, between November 30th and December 7th. Further information and QSL route can be found at: www.c56jj.pa4jj.nl/ [NG3K]

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SPECIAL EVENTS

14/09/2007: ARI Frascati members will operate as II0ERN from September 14-30th. The special call sign is for the second edition of the European Researchers' Night, that will take place on the 28th. QSL via operators's instructions. [425 DX News]

15/09/2007: Juergen/DL8HCI, Sylvester/DH4PB, Eddi/DK3UZ and possibly others will air the special call sign DL0PFB on September 15th and 16th to celebrate Prof. Braun Day from Cuxhaven. Prof. Braun Activity Weekends are being held in Cuxhaven in mid September to celebrate the first radio contact between Cuxhaven and the isle of Heligoland, located about 64 kilometers away in the North Sea. Former radio officers work on HF amateur radio bands with call sign DL0PFB, using CW and SSB. Further information can be found at: www.doese-apprt.de/pfb/ [F5NQL]

15/09/2007: Special event station HG5MISSION through 30 September for the 5th International Congress for the New Evangelisation, that will take place in Budapest from September 15-22nd. QSL via bureau. [425 DX News]

15/09/2007: Special event station 8J4MOO will be activated for the 9th Wagyu (or Japanese Cattle) Competitive Exhibition from September 15th to October 14th. QSL via the JARL bureau. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

15/09/2007: The members of the RASE DX celebrate this year the centenary of the football club of Real Betis Balompi? (better known under the name of Betis Sevilla) from September 3-16th. They will activate special station A07B in CW/SSB/modes digital on HF/VHF between September 15th and 17th. All contacts will automatically receive a QSL card via the bureau. Further information can be found at: www.rasedx.com/ [UBA HF News]

20/09/2007: ARI Spezia and local INORC and ARMi groups will be active September 20-23th as IY1SP/IP1 from Palmaria Island (not IOTA, IIA SP-001). Back in 1897 Guglielmo Marconi carried out experiments from the Navy arsenal at Spezia to the island and a few months later Palmaria hosted the first wireless coastal station in Italy. QSL via I1SAF. [425 DX News]

21/09/2007: Special event station 8N7ICT will be activated for Regional ICT Futurity Fiesta 2007 in Aomori (ICT: Information and Communications Technology) from September 21st to October 14th. QSL via the JARL bureau. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

22/09/2007: The section NOK takes part during the weekend of September 22 and 23 in the commemoration of the release of the Polar Bears, suffered 63 years now. The amateur radio operators will be active, especially on 40m, using the special call ON63POL. QSL via ON3CYV. [UBA HF News]

22/09/2007: Radio Club ARAS 54 Nord will air the special event call TM5ECL on September 22nd between 1000z and 1900z. Activity will be mainly SSB and CW on 40 or 20 metres. QSL via F6KWP, bureau preferred. [REF-Union 17]

22/09/2007: Special event station GB2TX will be aired September 22nd and 23rd for "Transmission 2007" raising funds for BWBF (British Wireless for the Blind Fund). They will be

trying to retain the trophy for club raising most funds won in 2006. QSL via G0GFQ (QRZ.com). Further info can be found at: www.bittern-dxers.org.uk/ [Pete's-DX-Newsdesk]

U.S.A. Special events can be found at: www.arrl.org/contests/spev.html

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LIGHTHOUSE ACTIVATIONS -

12/09-25/09 SV9/G0SGB/P: Nisos Kriti WLOTA:1400 QSL H/C (d/b)

13/09-18/09 FP/K9MDO: Ile Grande Miquelon WLOTA:1417 QSL H/C (d/b)

13/09-18/09 FP/W9ILY: Ile Grande Miquelon WLOTA:1417 QSL H/C (d/b)

15/09-15/1/08 FO5RU: Tahiti Island WLOTA:0885 QSL F5CQ (d/b)

15/09-24/09 OJ0B: Market Reef ARHLS:MAR-001, WLH:0J0-001, WLOTA:0542 QSL OH2BH (d/b)

15/09 W3B: Blakistone ARLHS:USA-060[H] QSL KA3UNQ (QRZ.com)

16/09-28/09 TK/DF6ZY: Corsica Island WLOTA:1390 QSL H/C (d/b)

22/09-29/09 OZ/DL3ARK: Hov ARLHS:DEN-035, WLOTA:0590 QSL H/C (d/b)

22/09-29/09 OZ/DL4AMK: Hov ARLHS:DEN-035, WLOTA:0590 QSL H/C (d/b)

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U.S. COUNTIES - USA-CA

14/09/2007: Phil, AB7RW/m will be active, CW only, between September 14-16th as follows: September 14 - WA: Skamania and Klickitat. OR: Hood River, Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam, Morrow and Umatilla. September 15 - Washington Salmon Run (SR): Benton/BEN, Franklin/FRA, Walla Walla/WAL, Columbia/COL, Garfield/GAR, Whitman/WHI, Adams/ADA, Lincoln/LIN, Stevens/STE and Lincoln/LIN. September 16 - WA: Okanogan/OKA, Ferry/FER, Grant/GRAN, Douglas/DOU, Chelan/CHE, Kittitas/KITT, Yakima/YAK and Klickitat/KLI. QSL via home call. [County Hunter Web]

14/09/2007: Ronald, KB6UF/m will be active September 14th, SSB and CW from the following U.S. Counties - MS: Pearl River, Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, Stone, George, Greene, Perry, Forrest, Lamar, Covington, Jefferson Davis, Lawrence, Marion and Walthal. LA: Washington. He will run 20 and 40m PH; 20 and 40m CW. QSL via home call. [County Hunter Web]

14/09/2007: Mark, KO1U/m will run the following U.S. Counties on September 14th, SSB and CW - NH: Rockingham, Hillsborough, Merrimack, Belknap, Grafton, Coos-late afternoon, Carroll, and then into Maine to run Oxford County. Back to NH: Strafford and Rockingham. QSL via home call. [County Hunter Web]

15/09/2007: Mark, KO1U/m will run the following U.S. Counties in the State of Maine on September 15th, SSB and CW - 5 hour drive north RT95 monitoring/calling on 20/40/80m. Piscataquis by 1100z and stay there till he works Florida to the West Coast. Penobscot, C/L Aroostook/Washington, Penobscot. Hancock, C/L Waldo/Somerset, C/L Franklin/Kennebec. If bands are OK Mark will back track to C/L Knox/Lincoln on to C/L Androscoggin/Sagadahoc, Cumberland and Knox. Will be running counties also on the way to C/Ls. QSL via home call. [County Hunter Web]

17/09/2007: Look for Mike, WA2DWP/m to be active September 17-18th, SSB only. from the following U.S. Counties - TN: Sullivan. VA: Washington, Smythe, Wythe, Pulaski, Montgomery, Roanoke, Botetourt, Rockbridge, Augusta, Rockingham, Shenandoah, Warren, Fauquier, Prince William and Fairfax. Washington DC. MD: Baltimore, Harford and Cecil. DE: New Castle. NJ: Salem, Gloucester and Atlantic. NJ: Atlantic, Ocean, Monmouth, Middlesex, Union, Essex, Hudson, Passaic and Bergen. NY: Rockland, Orange, Ulster, Greene, Albany and Schoharie. QSL via home call. [County Hunter Web]

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SM5DQC, Osten Magnusson, has become a Silent Key at the age of 67. He passed away Friday

September the 6th at his home. Osten was a longtime subscriber to the Daily DX, a major source of DX news for us, a great history reference and a good friend to many, including to W3UR. The ARRL's DXCC Manager, NC1L, Bill, says Osten joined DXCC in 1967 and has been very active ever since. Osten was appointed a DXCC card checker in November, 2000 and has been, says NC1L, one of the more active European checkers. Osten was #1 Honor Roll for both Mixed and Phone, CW Honor Roll, and needed just one, P5. He had DXCC on all bands 160-10M and 5BDXCC. NC1L says, "When an issue stumped the DXCC guy, Osten always came to the rescue!" SM5DJZ, John, will carry on with the DXCC program for Swedish hams. The two had divided this task. But, John notes that Osten was QSL manager for some 9Q stations - he doesn't know who will pick up that task. [The Daily DX]

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The 6th DCI (Diploma dei Castelli d'Italia e dei Castelli della Provincia di Cuneo) and 4th WAP (Worldwide Antarctic Program) meeting will be held in Mondovi (Cuneo), Italy, September 15th and 16th. Further information at: www.dcia.it/sezione/

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73 and Good DX!
Dave Raycroft - VA3RJ
Home of ICPO: http://webhome.idirect.com/~va3rj/
Contest Calendar - DX Calendar - Lighthouse Activations
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